CASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d). Whereas there is no proposal to link the low power TV transmitters in Kerala including those in Palakkad district, to Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum via microwave links, linkage of these transmitters to Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum, via satellite, would depend upon future availability of resources for the purpose & availability of requisite space segment capacity.

Safety Boots for workers of Steel Plants

7010. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual requirement of safety boots for workers and staff of Bhilai, Bokaro, Durgapur and Rourkela steel plants;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred in the past two years by these plants towards the procurement of the same;

(c) whether there have been any complaints about the quality of safety boots;

(d) whether most of the steel plants for not adhering to the proper safety requirements for the workers and staff;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken or proposed to be taken to supply quality safety boots and other safety equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The details of annual requirements of safety boots of Bhilai, Bokaro, Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plant are as under:-

i) Bhilai	*53,000 pairs*
ii) Bokaro	60,000 pairs
iii) Durgapur	*35,000 pairs*
iv) Rourkela	41,000 pairs

(b) The expenditure incurred during 1990-91 and 1991-92 towards the procurements of the safety boots by these plants are as under:

	1990-91	*1991-92*
i) Bhilai	Rs.49.34 lakhs	Rs.65.57 lakhs
ii) Bokaro	Rs.185.82 lakhs	Rs.125.09 lakhs
iii) Durgapur	Rs.37.06 lakhs	Rs.32.06 lakhs
iv) Rourkela	Rs.24.60 lakhs	Rs.28.83 lakhs

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Plants are adhering to the proper safety requirements and supply only quality safety boots to the workers and the staff.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

Refund of Telephone Deposits by Bangalore and Calcutta

7011 SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephone authorities of Bangalore and Calcutta Telephones are withholding the deposit amounts of security money of the temporary and

casual telephone subscribers of years together even after the disconnection of such telephones long time back;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether no interest is being paid by the authorities over the deposited amounts; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take immediate action for releasing of the subscribers money with interest?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Automatic Telephone Exchanges in Karnataka

7012. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of automatic telephone exchanges functioning at present in Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttar Kannada District in Karnataka and locations thereof;

(b) the capacity of these exchanges;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up any new automatic telephone exchanges in the above districts during 1992-93;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The district-wise list of Exchanges and their capacity is as per Annexs. attached:

(i) Belgaum Statement-I

(ii) Bijapur Statement-II

(iii) Dharwad Statement-III

(iv) Uttar Kannada Statement-IV

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The district-wise list of new exchanges proposed to be opened during 1992-93 is given below:

Belgaum District	*Bijapur District*	*Dharwad District*
1. Kalbhavi	1. Ingalgeri	1. Mushalgeri
2. Nandagaon		2. Gunjagad
3. Bugtealur	Uttara Kannada District	
4. Manjari	1. Mattighatta	
	2. Goli	
	3. Kalakarkoppa	
	4. Malavalli	

(e) Does not arise.